

# **Key Federal and Organizational Links**

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### **Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (CDCD)**

U.S. Department of Defense <http://www.defense.gov/>

(Use Military/DoD Website navigation bar to access Component information)

Department of Defense CDCD Website - <http://constitutionday.cpms.osd.mil/>

U.S. Senate – The Constitution [http://www.senate.gov/civics/constitution\\_item/constitution.htm](http://www.senate.gov/civics/constitution_item/constitution.htm)

Center for Civic Education    [Lessons for Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](http://new.civiced.org/resources/curriculum/constitution-day-and-citizenship-day)  
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Library of Congress:

- [Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention Broadside Collection](#)
- [Constitution Day Resources \(THOMAS\)](#)
- [Federalist Papers \(THOMAS\)](#)
- [Primary Documents in American History - United States Constitution](#)

[National Constitution Center](#)

- [Resources](#) <http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution-day/constitution-day-resources>
- [American Institute for History – Constitution Day](#)
- [Icivics](#) - <http://www.icivics.org/>

National Endowment for the Humanities - <http://edsitement.neh.gov/constitution-day>

[National History Education Clearinghouse](#) – <http://teachinghistory.org/spotlight/constitution-day>

[U.S. Department of Education - Constitutional Resources](#)

U.S. National Archives and Records Administration:

- [Celebrate Constitution Day](#)
- [Teaching with Documents - U.S. Constitution Workshop](#)
- [Visit the National Archives Experience](#)

U.S. Courts - <http://www.uscourts.gov/Home.aspx>

Federal Courts - <http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts.aspx>

## Other Government Information

The U.S. Government's Official Web Portal <http://www.usa.gov/>

USA.gov: Home page of the U.S. Government's Official Web Portal for all government transactions, services, and information.

## U.S. Federal Government

The three branches of U.S. government—legislative, judicial, and executive—carry out governmental power and functions.

- [A-Z Index of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies](#)  
Government departments, agencies, bureaus, commissions, committees, and offices
- [Executive Branch](#)  
The executive branch of the government is responsible for enforcing the laws of the land. The president, vice president, department heads (cabinet members), and heads of independent agencies carry out this mission.
- [Judicial Branch](#)  
Courts decide arguments about the meaning of laws and how they are applied. They also decide if laws violate the Constitution—this is known as judicial review, and it is how federal courts provide checks and balances on the legislative and executive branches.
- [Legislative Branch](#)  
Article I of the Constitution establishes the legislative or law making branch of government. It has a two-branch Congress—the Senate and the House of Representatives—and agencies that support Congress.

## State, Local, and Tribal

- [State Government](#)
- [Local Government](#)
- [Tribal Government](#)